

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims, in the application.

Listing of Claims

Claim 1 (currently amended): A connector suitable for use with a plurality of containers, said connector comprising:

a first segment capable of connecting a container having a mouth having a relatively large diameter;

a second segment capable of connecting a container having a mouth having a relatively intermediate diameter; and

a third segment capable of connecting a container having a mouth having a relatively small diameter, wherein said third segment has a base having a wall projecting from said base to form a well, said base of said third segment having at least one opening, through which at least one opening residual liquid accumulating in said well of said third segment flows into said second segment, said third segment having at least one outlet in said base for allowing residual liquid accumulating in said well of said third segment to flow from said third segment to said second segment, whereby when said second segment is attached to a container having a mouth having a diameter of relatively intermediate size, said residual liquid accumulating in said well of said third segment flows more rapidly.

Claim 2 (original): The connector of claim 1, wherein at least a portion of each of said first segment, said second segment, and said third segment is cylindrical in shape.

Claim 3 (original): The connector of claim 1, wherein each of said first segment, said second segment, and said third segment has an orifice that is substantially circular in shape.

Claim 4 (previously presented): The connector of claim 3, wherein the diameter of said orifice of said first segment is greater than the diameter of said orifice of said second segment.

Claim 5 (previously presented): The connector of claim 3, wherein the diameter of said orifice of said second segment is greater than the diameter of said orifice of said third segment.

Claim 6 (original): The connector of claim 1, wherein said first segment has means thereon for joining said connector to the neck of a container.

Claim 7 (original): The connector of claim 6, wherein said means for joining said connector to the neck of a container comprises at least one thread.

Claim 8 (original): The connector of claim 1, wherein said second segment has means thereon for joining said connector to the neck of a container.

Claim 9 (original): The connector of claim 8, wherein said means for joining said connector to the neck of a container comprises a ring.

Claim 10 (original): The connector of claim 1, wherein said third segment has means thereon for joining said connector to a container.

Claim 11 (original): The connector of claim 10, wherein said means for joining said connector to the neck of a container comprises at least one thread.

Claim 12 (previously presented): The connector of claim 1, wherein said third segment has a spike projecting from said base.

Claim 13 (original): The connector of claim 12, wherein said spike includes a weakened portion, whereby said spike can be removed from said connector.

Claim 14 (canceled)

Claim 15 (previously presented): A connector suitable for use with a plurality of containers, said connector comprising:

a first segment capable of connecting a container having a mouth having a relatively large diameter, wherein said first segment has means thereon for joining said connector to the neck of a container, wherein said means of said first segment for joining said connector to the neck of a container comprises at least one thread;

a second segment capable of connecting a container having a mouth having a relatively intermediate diameter, wherein said second segment has means thereon for joining said connector to the neck of a container, wherein said means of said second segment for joining said connector to the neck of a container comprises a ring; and

a third segment capable of connecting a container having a mouth having a relatively small diameter, wherein said third segment has means thereon for joining said connector to a container, wherein said means of said third segment for joining said connector to the neck of a container comprises at least one thread, wherein said third segment has a base and spike projecting from said base, wherein said spike includes a weakened portion, whereby said spike can be removed from said connector.

Claim 16 (previously presented): The connector of claim 15, wherein at least a portion of each of said first segment, said second segment, and said third segment is cylindrical in shape.

Claim 17 (previously presented): The connector of claim 15, wherein each of said first segment, said second segment, and said third segment has an orifice that is substantially circular in shape.

Claim 18 (previously presented): The connector of claim 17, wherein the diameter of said orifice of said first segment is greater than the diameter of said orifice of said second segment.

Claim 19 (previously presented): The connector of claim 17, wherein the diameter of said orifice of said second segment is greater than the diameter of said orifice of said third segment.

Claim 20 (canceled)

Claim 21 (canceled)

Claim 22 (canceled)

Claim 23 (canceled)

Claim 24 (canceled)

Claim 25 (canceled)